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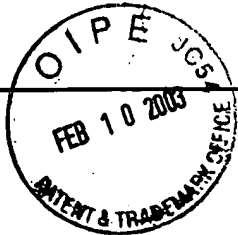
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 1, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 15, 17 and 22. A marked up version of the Claims is in the
attached Appendix.

B1
15. (Twice Amended) A rivet for use in accordance with the method of claim 17,
comprising a head the thickness of which increases continually in a radially outwards direction to
define a convex surface beneath the head.

B2
17. (Amended) A method for joining together two or more superimposed generally
planar sheets using a fastener having a shank and a fastener setting and sheet deforming

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